THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-SECOND DAY

Monday, 24th July, 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. Kanthi, B. A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS
(to which oral answers were given)

ENQUIRY INTO THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE MYSORE UNIVERSITY.

*Q.—220. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received a letter from me dated 2-1-1961 sending a copy of eighteen charges against the present Vice-Chancellor of the Mysore University;

(*b*) whether they have called for report from the University in respect of those charges;

(*c*) whether it is proposed by Government to act under Section 49 of the Mysore University Act, 1956 and direct an enquiry into these charges ?

*A.—Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In respect of answer at (*c*), are Government aware that in view of the many items of illegal and irregular acts done by the present Vice-Chancellor, a number of writ petitions are filed and that a number of Members of the University staff are aggrieved and there is a public feeling against the way in which the University is being administered ?

†Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—There are a number of things being mixed up. I do not know if there is any public resentment against the administration of the University. Secondly, writs are there and I cannot say anything on the subject, unless the writs are disposed of by the High Court in respect of the irregularities alleged to have been committed by the University.

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† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are Government aware that in respect of elections from the Registered Graduates' Constituency, the Vice-Chancellor did something contrary to the provisions of the Act and that necessitated the Government to bring an amending bill to the University Act in the last session ?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—I do not think so. The present Vice Chancellor has done nothing of that sort.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I would invite the attention of the Hon'ble Minister that the election from the Registered Graduates' Constituency was held during the term of the present Vice-Chancellor and is it not true that he acted contrary to the provisions of the Act in the matter of holding elections and that necessiated the Government to bring an amending Bill to the Act itself.

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—The Hon'ble Member is there in the Syndicate. Even the previous ViceC-hancellor did the same thing.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is that an answer. When a question was asked on the floor of the House, the Hon'b e Minister for Education. was pleased to say that all the allegations were false.....

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—I did not say that it was false.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In the next eight days, after saying that Government brought here the Mysore University Amending Bill, 1961, to alidate the irregular and illegal act committed by the present Vice-Chancellor in repect of holding elections to the Senate. How does the Minister say that it is not true ? Whether he continued an irregular act done by the previous Vice Chancellor or not is the point. The question is : is it true thar he committed this irregular thing and then brought Government into an embarrassing position. Is the Government aware that in respect of appointment of Professors and Readers of Physics under the scheme of the University Grants Commission, the Mysore Vice-Chancellor has done something very illegal and appointed people who were not qualified ?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—I think I should not say anything about it because some of them have gone in a writ ?

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I am not aware that a writ has been filed so far, till this minute. I am quite sure that it is not filed. My question is in respect of appointment of Physics Professors and Readers under the scheme of the University Grants Commission. Is it not true that he has appointed people who are not qualified and who are not competent to be appointed ?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI. I must say that it is not the Vice-Chancellor who appoints but the Board of Appointments. According to their recommendations the Vice-Chancellor appoints Professor.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the Education Minister aware that under Section 9 (5). it is the responsibility of the Vice-Chancellor to see that nothing illegal is done under the provisions of the Act. Is it not

his duty to see that the Board of Appointments does not do anything illegal ?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—If he had disobeyed the recommendations of the Board of Appointments, it would have been illegal on his part. Conversely, if he had carried out the orders of the Board of Appointment, it is perfectly legal.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the Hon'ble Minister for Education aware that the Vice-Chancellor is the Chairman of the Board of Appointments and it is primarily his duty to prevent an irregular appointments from being made. It is not as if he disobeyed the Board's orders. He disobeys the Act, as it is, at every stage, at every minute of his existence. The question is whether as Chairman of the Board of Appointments, it was not his duty to see that the provisions of the Act are respected in every minute in detail ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is all right for him to say that the Vice-Chancellor is flouting the rules and regulations. But to say that he disobeys the law 'every minute of his existence' is not correct. He can put a question.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I am proving that in respect of an important matter like the appointment of professors, carrying a scale of 800-1,200, the Vice Chancellor has not followed the provisions of the Act?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—I think to his 18-point charge, the Vice Chancellor has replied to the Minister and he has got a copy of that.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Will the Hon'ble Education Minister place on the Table of the House the replies furnished to him. They will reveal the type of man that he is. It would also provoke further discussion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I perfectly agree with his question. The only point that I want to stress is that every time he should not comment on the conduct of the Vice-Chancellor. He can ask a question. It is very unfair to do so because he is not a member of the House and as such he cannot defend himself on the floor of this House.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Will the Honourable Minister make available a copy of his replies so that the House may have the benefit of asking further questions ? Will he also furnish the reply to the further query that I raised ?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—If a separate question is put, I will answer that.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—What are those 18 charges and out of these, how many of them are very grave and how many are very trivial?

Mr. SPEAKER.—If it is not against the public interests it may be placed on the Table of the House.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Will the Government place the entire correspondence on the table of the House?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—The House asked as to what are those charges. A copy of those charges I can place on the table of the House.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—To question as to whether they have called for a report from the University in respect of these charges, they have said 'Yes'. May I know whether they have called for a report from the same Vice-Chancellor or is it through a different agency ?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—As long as the Vice-Chancellor is there, how can there be any different agency ?

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether they have looked into both the charges as well as the reply and if so, what opinion they have come to on these charges ?

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—After looking to the reply from the University we have provided answer (*c*).

STARTING OF INDUSTRIES IN THE TALUKS OF PUTTUR, BANTVALA AND BELTHANGADI.

*Q.—530. Sri S. SUBBAYYA NAIK (Puttur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the names of small and big scale industries in the Taluks of Puttur, Bantvala, Belthangadi ;

(*b*) the names of the places in which the above industries are located together with the names of the owners ;

(*c*) whether any scheme is under their consideration for starting any industry in the above taluks ;

(*d*) whether there is any possiblity of an Iron Factory being started ;

(*e*) the reasons for not starting any Industry in this area ?